

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) An environmentally friendly package comprising:

a compostable sheet material comprising a compostable substrate layer, having a first compostable and sealable layer on an inner first side of the substrate layer, and a second compostable and sealable layer overlying said first sealable layer on the inner side of the substrate layer;

wherein the package comprises first and second regions of sealing between sheets of the compostable material in which the material of the second sealable layer has a lower heat-sealing initiation temperature than the material of the first sealable layer, and

wherein said first region has a relatively high sealing strength, and said second region has a relatively low sealing strength.

8. (Cancelled)
9. (Previously presented) The environmentally friendly package according to claim 7, wherein the package is a beverage making capsule that contains a beverage making ingredient.
10. (Previously presented) The environmentally friendly package according to claim 9, wherein the capsule further comprises a compostable filter sheet inside the capsule and bonded to an internal surface of the capsule.

11. (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of an environmentally friendly package comprising the steps of:

providing a compostable sheet material comprising a compostable substrate layer, having a first compostable and sealable layer on an inner first side of the substrate layer, and a second compostable and sealable layer overlying said first sealable layer on the inner side of the substrate layer, wherein the material of the second sealable layer has a lower heat-sealing initiation temperature than the material of the first sealable layer;

placing two webs of the compostable sheet material together with the inner sealable layers in face-to-face relation; and

sealing the webs together around a margin to form a package body, wherein the step of sealing is carried out under a first set of conditions in a first region of said margin and under a second set of conditions different from said first set of conditions in a second region of said margin;

whereby the peel strength of the resulting seal is different in said first and second regions, with said first region having a relatively high peel strength, and said second region having a relatively low peel strength.

12. (Cancelled)
13. (Canceled)